



# Press Release

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On: DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION  
UP 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . December egg production in Texas totaled 412 million eggs, up 2 percent from December 2002, and up 5 percent from November 2003, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during December averaged 18.4 million, down 2 percent from last year, but down slightly from November 2003. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,238 eggs, up 4 percent from last year and up 5 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 53.3 million, down 4 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.53 billion eggs during December 2003, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.48 billion table eggs, 995 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 61.0 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 339 million during December 2003, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers averaged 2,225 eggs, up 2 percent from the 2,189 eggs in December 2002.

Laying flocks in the thirty major egg producing states produced 7.02 billion eggs during December. The number of layers during December 2003 averaged 316 million.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 33.9 million, up 6 percent from December 2002. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 778 million, was up 3 percent from December of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.0 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2003, up 8 percent from December 2002.